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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 86  
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A RESOLUTION to designate the last Sunday in June as  
“Descendants Day!” in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Trust For The Future, Inc. is an outstanding educational foundation that has the worthy mission of: “assuring our Descendants of all faiths, all races and all nations a decent place to live and decent folks with whom to live and have their greatest needs satisfied”; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this exemplary goal, Trust for The Future, Inc. has proposed the observance of Descendants Day! each year on the last Sunday of June, when all the world’s citizens will take an accounting of their activities during the preceding year which have affected our descendants and our neighbors across time; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Descendants Day! each year will provide an excellent opportunity to enumerate the many good reasons to leave a decent world for unborn generations and to renew our pledge to our descendants to renourish their inheritance with every passing generation; and

WHEREAS, Descendants Day! urgently calls upon people around the nation and the world to live their daily lives as if future generations depended on it, because, in fact, they do; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate goal of Descendants Day! is to reach the day when we can celebrate a year where the consequences of our actions have no measurable negative impact

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on our descendants and neighbors across time, and instead we can measure the residual impact of our human activities and find them to be undeniably sustainable and beneficial; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds that we should encourage others around the state, nation and the world to join in this yearly celebration of courageous accountability in the sure knowledge that we will be followed, as we have been preceded, by billions of people who will either condemn us or praise us for the efforts we may or may not expend on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly desires to grasp this golden opportunity to evidence compassion and to seek justice and equity for our descendants; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That for the purposes delineated in the preamble of this resolution, Sunday, June 29, 1997, and the last Sunday in June thereafter, is hereby designated as "Descendants Day!" in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this General Assembly does hereby call upon all Tennesseans to observe Descendants Day! by participating in appropriate ceremonies, events and public service projects and to use the full measure of their abilities and influence to effectuate the following goals of Descendants Day! :

- Those now denied opportunity shall enjoy it to the full;
- All who yearn for freedom may experience its spiritual blessings;
- Those who have freedom will understand its heavy responsibility;
- All who are insensitive to the needs of others will learn charity;
- The scourges of poverty, disease and ignorance will be made to disappear from the face of the earth;

- That in the goodness of time, all people will come to live together in a peace guaranteed by the binding force of mutual respect and love;

- We shall avoid the impulse to live only for today, plundering for our own ease and convenience the precious resources of tomorrow;

- We will not mortgage the material assets of our grandchildren for fear they will also lose their political and spiritual heritage; and

- We will assure the survival of democracy for all generations to come, not to become the insolvent phantom of tomorrow.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.